

Lab scientist explains telescope to student group

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A LEARNING EXPERIENCE — A group of students from the PETES (Providing Engineering and Technology Experiences for Students) program receives an explanation of how a major telescope works from Dr. Earl Spillar (right) a research physicist at the Directed Energy Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory. These students, from several Albuquerque middle schools, were at the laboratory's Starfire Optical Range, touring through one of the world's most advanced telescope systems. Sponsored in part by the laboratory, PETES encourages students to pursue careers in math, science and engineering.